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Board

Creating a Culture... of Innovation, Caring and Social Responsibility.







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Fostering a Culture of Caring

(Reference: Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules)

Individuals or groups are welcome to appear as a delegation to express their concerns, provide comments or ask questions on any matter within the mandate of the Board or Committee. In accordance with the Board's bylaws, delegations shall be permitted up to four (4) minutes to address the Board where the delegation has provided a written submission no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting. Delegations registering after the cutoff shall be granted two (2) minutes. All interested delegates must complete and submit the following form.

Once you have submitted your request, a member of the Board Services team will be in touch with you to confirm the delegation and provide the necessary meeting details and instructions.

If you have any questions regarding the delegation process please contact Nicole Guthrie, Manager of Board Services at nicole.guthrie@ocdsb.ca

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Contact Information First Name: * Last Name: * Pooja Moorti Address: * Address 2: City: * Province or Territory: * Manotick Ontario Postal Code: * Phone Number: * Confirm Email Address: * Email Address: * Please re-enter your email address. Delegation issue information

Meeting Date: *

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Summary of issue/concern: *

I am writing in support of calling for the termination of the SRO program and removal of police officers in OCDSB schools.

Having police in school is absolutely unnecessary and harms the children far more than does to protect them. I did not go to a high school with police and when visiting a school with police who frequent it, I was constantly uncomfortable and that was without even seeing police officers or interacting with one; this was purely based on seeing a police car outside the school. Now I cannot imagine this for those who have to deal with this everyday especially Black and Indigenous youth. School should be a comfortable environment for them to learn, for them to make mistakes and for them to learn from their mistakes but not at the hand of the police. Having police within school grounds makes it an unsafe environment. There is clear racialized bias when it comes to policing within schools and outside of schools, harming our most vulnerable groups: Black and Indigenous youth. There are so many ways the money used to fund this program could be used to beneficially help children at these schools that would have a far greater impact than solely negative impacts of the SRO program and police officers. The stressors of high school are already excessive and even more so for racialized youth; they deserve to safety, protection, and freedom. Please terminate the SRO program and remove police officers in OCDSB schools immediately.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue: *

Termination of SRO program and removal of police officers in OCDSB schools

Date: *

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